

SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
King Street,
Scarborough.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH

To: The Chairman and Members of Scalby Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1949.

The report is prepared on the lines indicated in Ministry of Health Circular 2/50, dated 25th January 1950.

VITAL STATISTICS.

It will be noted from the tables which follow that the estimated population was 6120, which is 437 higher than that of 1948. The Birth Rate was 12.7 per 1000 population, compared with 14.8 last year and 16.7 for England and Wales. The Crude Death Rate was 12.6 per 1000 population which, when adjusted by applying the Comparability Morbidity Index appropriate to this District, becomes 8.9 per 1000 population. This adjusted rate is used to compare the death rate with that of any other district similarly adjusted or with the crude death rate of England and Wales which was 11.7. The causes of Death were substantially the same as last year, Heart Diseases and Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions again being those most frequently recorded. One death among infants under one year of age, occurred in 1949 compared with three in the previous year.

Population (Registrar-Generals estimate mid.1949)
6120

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	42	35	77
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	43	35	78

The Birth Rate was 12.7 per 1000 population; that for England & Wales was 16.7

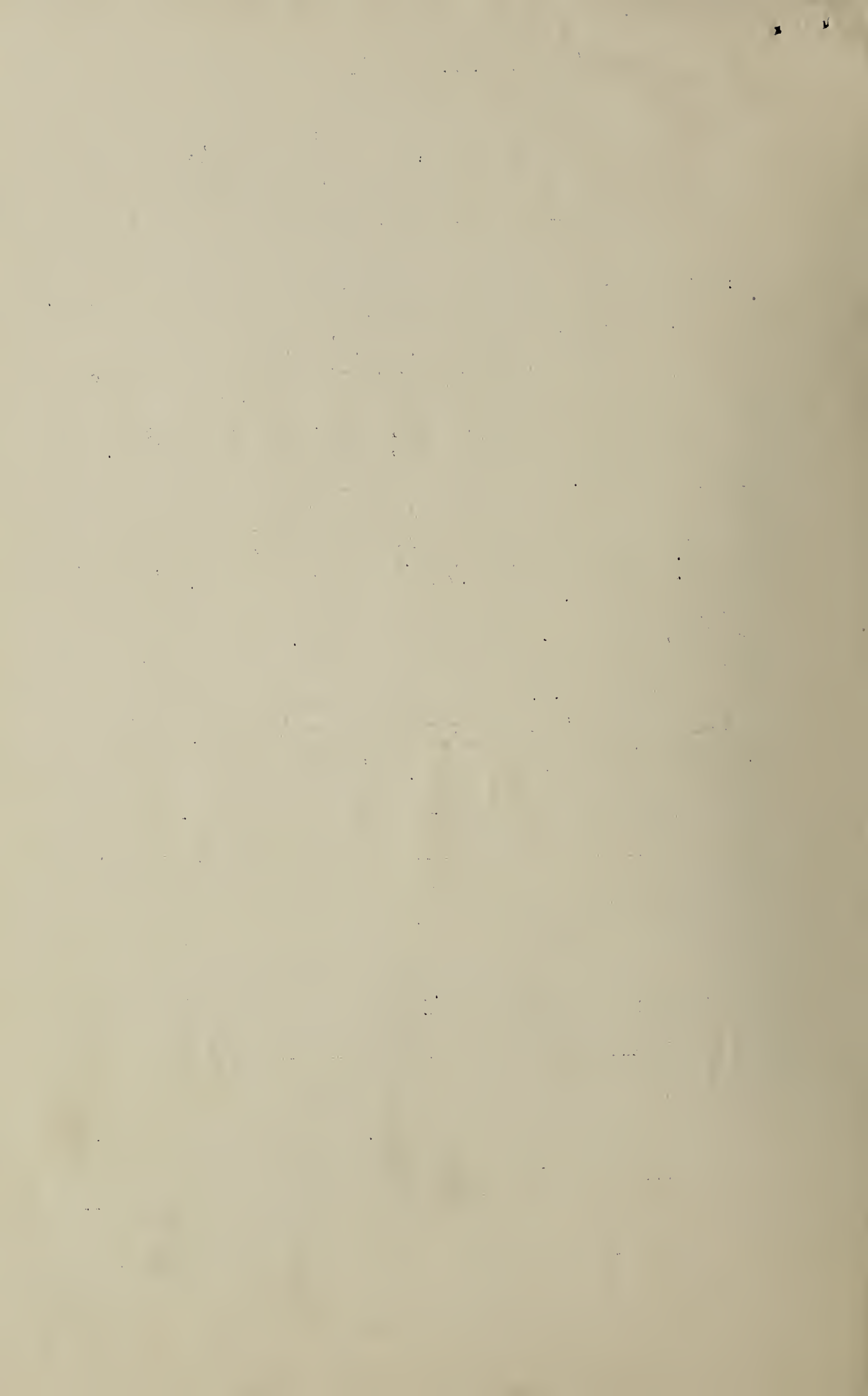
<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3

The Still Birth Rate was 38.4 per 1000 total Births.

Infantile Mortality.

Number of deaths in infants under one year of age .. 1

The Infantile Mortality Rate therefore was 12.8 per 1000 live births; that for England & Wales was 32.



Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
32	45	77

The Crude Death Rate was 12.6 per 1000 population.

The Comparability Rate was 8.9 " " "

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1	3
Acute Inf. Encephalitis.....	1	-	1
Cancer of stomach & Duodenum.....	1	-	1
" of breast.....	-	2	2
" of uterus.....	-	1	1
" of all other sites.....	3	7	10
Intracranial Vascular Lesions.....	3	8	11
Heart Diseases.....	15	16	31
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	3	4
Bronchitis.....	-	2	2
Pneumonia.....	1	1	2
Nephritis.....	2	2	4
Congenital Malformation; Birth			
Injury etc.....	1	-	1
Suicide.....	-	1	1
All other causes.....	2	1	3
	<u>32</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>77</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

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Measles and Whooping Cough were both/prevalent than in 1948. The increase was part of the periodic rise in incidence experience has taught us to expect from time to time; especially does this apply to measles. No case of Diphtheria nor of Infantile Paralysis was notified in 1949. No instance of the Enteric Group of Fevers was reported. Since a number of pamphlets of an educational nature relating to Measles, Diphtheria Immunisation and Infantile Paralysis were distributed throughout the district last year it was not deemed necessary to do so again in 1949. The homes of all notified cases were visited by the Sanitary Inspector or a Health Visitor and where indicated terminal disinfection was carried out.

<u>Notifications</u>	<u>Isolated in infectious Diseases</u> <u>Hospital</u>
Scarlet Fever.....22
Whooping Cough....24-
Measles.....46-
Pneumonia.....1-

HOUSING

Further progress was made at the Council's Highfield Estate where, at the 31st December, 164 houses had been completed and 66 houses were under construction.

Licences permitting the erection of six houses by private arrangement were issued.

The ex-Army Huts used temporarily as living accommodation, to which reference was made in my Annual Report last year, were vacated and have been dismantled; two of the families were re-housed by the Council.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

The Local Health Services under Part iii of the National Health Service Act 1946, were administered either directly or under agency arrangements by North Riding County Council before the Act came into operation on 5th July 1948. Since that date however local administration of Part iii services has been conducted by the County Council through the Area Health Office, King Street, Scarborough, where the County District Medical Officer for the County district covered by Scalby Urban District Council, Scarborough Borough and Scarborough Rural District Council (and who is also the Medical Officer of Health to Scalby Urban District Council), has the duty of co-ordinating health services throughout the whole of that area. Thus the monthly Maternity and Child Welfare Sessions conducted by a local private practitioner continued at the Parish Hall, where Ante-Natal, Infant Welfare and Diphtheria Immunisation services were available. Domiciliary Midwifery, Health Visiting and Home Nursing were provided through the County Councils Nursing staff centred at the Nurses' Home, Belgrave House, Scarborough. Vaccination and Diphtheria Immunisation were undertaken by local private practitioners, whose records were forwarded to the County District Medical Officer. Local Ambulance Services, which have expanded enormously in recent months, operated from the County Ambulance Depot, Dean Road, Scarborough. After-Care work in respect of Tuberculosis and Other Illnesses, was carried out by arrangement with Scarborough Council of Social Services from their headquarters at Elder Street, Scarborough and a Domestic Help Service was conducted from the Area Health Office, Scarborough.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1949.

No action was taken during 1949 under Section 47 of this Act whereby Local Authorities, on the recommendation of their Medical Officer of Health, may apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, for an Order permitting the removal to suitable premises of certain types of persons in need of care and attention.

WATER SUPPLIES

Originally Scalby was provided with water from springs at Intake Wood. In due course their yield became insufficient for the demands of a growing district, consequently a bore hole was sunk at Scalby Habs in 1941. The latter has yielded a consistently bacteriologically pure water, but the mineral content has led to a deposit of iron in the distribution system causing disagreeable discolouration. In an attempt to combat the deposit of iron in the delivery pipes, the Council had erected an additional reservoir with a capacity of 100,000 gallons which was brought into commission early in 1949. The various springs at Intake Wood are provided with suitable well-constructed Collecting Chambers and the collecting area is not inhabited, but bacteriological reports in 1949 showed rather a high B.Coli content. This is probably non-human in origin.

Bacteriological Reports:-

Source	B.Coli Absent Class i.	B.Coli Present Class			Total
		ii.	iii.	iv.	
Borehole	2	-	-	-	2
Springs	-	-	1	2	3

Chemical Analyses were not obtained in 1949.

The water is not plumbo-solvent.

Approximately 2395 houses accommodating about 3589 people are supplied direct from public water mains; No houses are supplied from stand-pipes.

Newby East Ward is supplied with filtered and chlorinated water obtained from Scarborough Corporation's Water Undertaking.

SEWERAGE.

No new sewers were laid in 1949 beyond those extensions needed to provide for the Council's Highfield Estate.

FOOD

All slaughtering is carried out at a Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse in Scarborough where the meat is examined by Scarborough Corporation Meat Inspectors. Visits of inspection were paid regularly to food retailing shops concerning which it was reported that handling and distribution were good and the premises clean.

No case of food poisoning was reported during the year. The Council did not inaugurate any special measure in connection with a Clean Food Campaign.

During the year foodstuffs as indicated in the accompanying table were surrendered for destruction, being unfit for human consumption:-

- 1 Jar plums.
- 1 " vegetables.
- 10 tins Evaporated Milk.
- 2 " Crab Paste.
- 1 jar Mixed Pickles.
- 1 tin Peas.
- 2 tubs Chocolate Spread.
- 2 " Fruitella.
- 3 " Malt Cup.
- 8 Dessert Moulds.
- 1 tin Beans.
- 1 tin Pilchards.
- 58 1/2 lb. Bacon.

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in Scalby.

FACTORIES ACT 1937.

The fifteen factories in the Council's district consist mostly of Builders and Contractors premises but include one Bakehouse and one Wireless firm. All were inspected during the year and were reported to be satisfactory from an hygienic point of view. Under Section 128, para. 3 of this Act, the Medical Officer of Health is required to include in his Annual Report, data prescribed in Form 572, which is forwarded to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, direct. The following is an abbreviated copy of Form 572:-

Form 572 (Revised)

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

This Table isto be completed by the Medical Officer of Health giving the prescribed particulars required under Section 128 (3) of the Factories Act, 1937, and furnished in the Annual Report with respect to matters under Part I and Part VIII of that Act which are administered by the District Council.

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections by Sanitary Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(a) Factories in which S.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s)	10	10	-	-
(b) Factories not included in (a) in which S.7 is enforced by L.A.'s)	-	-	-	-
(c) Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the L.A.(excluding outworkers) premises)	5	5	-	-
Total	15	15	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found.</u>			
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H.P. Insptr.</u>	<u>No. of Prosecutions</u>
Want of Cleanliness				
Overcrowding.				
Unreasonable Temperature.				
Inadequate Ventilation.				
Ineffective drainage of floors.				
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient.				
(b) Unsuitable.				
(c) Not separate for sexes.				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).				
Total				

3. Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 110 & 111 of Act)

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SANITARY CONDITIONS.

The general state of sanitation was good. All complaints lodged at the Council Offices were followed up. Of eight nuisances found, seven were abated by the end of the year.

Abatement of rat infestation was put in the hands of a Rodent Operative employed jointly by the Council with Scarborough Rural District Council. During 1949 the estimated kill amounted to 1887 and 329 carcasses were recovered.

Refuse was collected weekly except from outlying properties where a collection was made monthly.

Ninety-two tons of paper were salvaged during the year.

Nine private streets were made up.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Dearmer for his efficient co-operation throughout the year and for his material assistance in preparing this report.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

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Urban District Council.

